HOUSE BILL 3693

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to certain sexual offenses committed against a minor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (b) as (c) and by adding the following new subsection (b):
 - (b) No district attorney general or assistant district attorney general shall offer, accept or otherwise enter into a plea bargain agreement with a defendant charged with a violation of this section if the agreement permits the defendant to plead guilty to any offense other than a violation of this section.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-531, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (b) as (c) and by adding the following new subsection (b):
 - (b) No district attorney general or assistant district attorney general shall offer, accept or otherwise enter into a plea bargain agreement with a defendant charged with a violation of this section if the agreement permits the defendant to plead guilty to any offense other than a violation of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any defendant charged with a violation of an applicable section on or after such date.